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107th Avenue to Close at I-10 Bridge Construction Part of Continuing Improvement Efforts

PHOENIX—As part of the comprehensive improvements underway for Interstate 10 in the West Valley, drivers should plan for a full closure of 107th Avenue at I-10 beginning May 9 as bridge construction begins.

This continuous closure will last approximately three to four weeks. I-10 and the freeway interchange ramps will remain open, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). During this closure, northbound and southbound access on 107th Avenue underneath I-10 will be closed.

Earlier this month, similar construction began under I-10 at Estrella/Pebble Creek Parkway and at Litchfield Road.

At Estrella/Pebble Creek Parkway, construction crews work on weekdays, beginning at 1 a.m. Mondays through 4 p.m. Fridays. The work is scheduled for up to two more weeks. Northbound and southbound access on Estrella/Pebble Creek Parkway underneath I-10 is closed, but interchange ramps are open as part of the Monday through Friday closures.

The Litchfield Road closure begins at 1 a.m. on Tuesdays through 4 a.m. on Fridays. Over the next two to three weeks, Litchfield Road will reopen only for weekend traffic. During the closures, northbound and southbound access on Litchfield Road underneath I-10 will be closed. Interchange on and off ramps will remain open.

During these closures, drivers are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 interchanges.

Once complete, the I-10 expansion project will provide additional lanes between Verrado Way and Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway). The freeway expansion includes adding two new outside lanes and widening into the median to improve east and west traffic flow for West Valley commuters.

This project is one of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and is funded through a voter-approved half-cent sales tax to improve and construct new roads throughout the Valley during the next 20 years. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways.

For general information about I-10 improvements, contact the project hotline at 602.288.9919 or at <u>ADOT@policydevelopmentgroup.com</u>. For traffic updates across Arizona, call 5-1-1 or visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.gov.